U.S. Department of Education

2001-2002 Application Processing System Update

NASFAA Conference Washington, D.C. July 9 - 12, 2000

2001-2002 Delivery System Update

- ★ Important Dates
- ★ Application Processing Volumes
- ★ Electronic Applications
- ★ PINs
- ★ FAFSA Changes
- ★ Paper Renewal FAFSA/Renewal Application Process
- ★ Changes to SAR and ISIR
- **★** System Edits
- ★ EDExpress (slides in handout)

2001-2002 Delivery System Important Dates

✓DONE ★ Feb
✓DONE ★ July

Began system development

First Renewal Application Action

Letter on IFAP

VONE ★ July

Draft ISIR Layout available

on IFAP: http://ifap.ed.gov

★Aug

Second Renewal Application

Process Action Letter on IFAP

★ Sept

Delivery System Changes

Action Letters on IFAP



2001-2002 Delivery System Important Dates

★Oct 2 Renewal Application Process begins

★ Nov SAR/ISIR Guide posted on IFAP

★ Nov / Revised ISIR Layout in 2001-2002

Technical Reference

★ Nov Federal School Code List mailed

★Jan 2 2001-2002 delivery system

starts up

★Jan 2 FAFSA on the Web/Renewal FAFSA on the Web/FAFSA Express

available

HANDOUT

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Application Volume 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

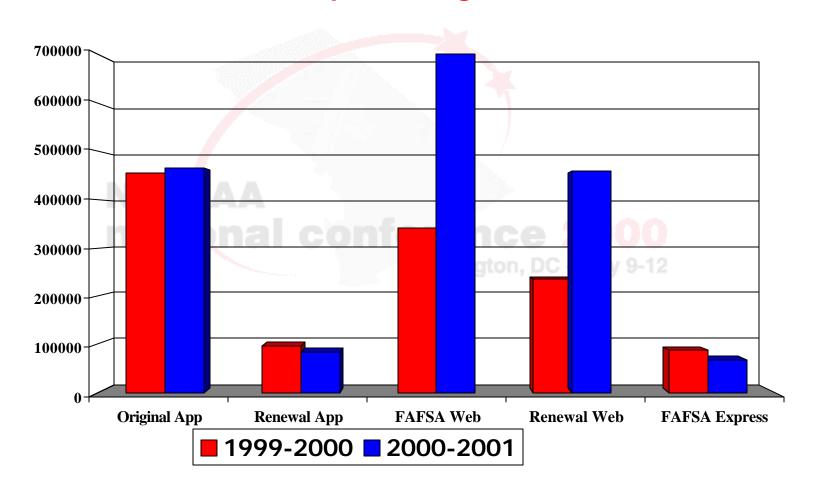
★Volume

- -1999-2000 FAFSAs: 6,378,842 as of June 25, 1999 (Week 24)
- 2000-2001 FAFSAs: 6,397,255 as of June 25, 2000 (Week 24)
- -0.20% increase in volume from 1999-2000 to 2000-2001

Electronic Applications

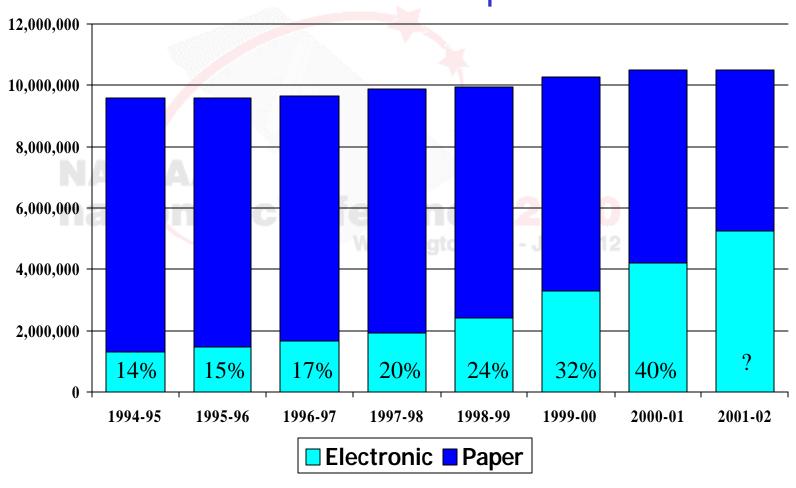
1999-2000 and 2000-2001

For the first 24 weeks of processing for 1999-2000 and 2000-2001



FAFSA Processing

Electronic vs. Paper



- ★Available Jan. 2, 2001
- ★Blended interview and form-based formats:
 - Most students using form-based format
 - Incorporates best of both formats
 - Includes skip logic and editing
- **★**Spanish version available

- **★**Captures PIN up front
 - Makes signature process easier
 - Allows for automatic scan to see if student is eligible to file a Renewal Application
 - If eligible, student given option to apply using Renewal FAFSA on the Web

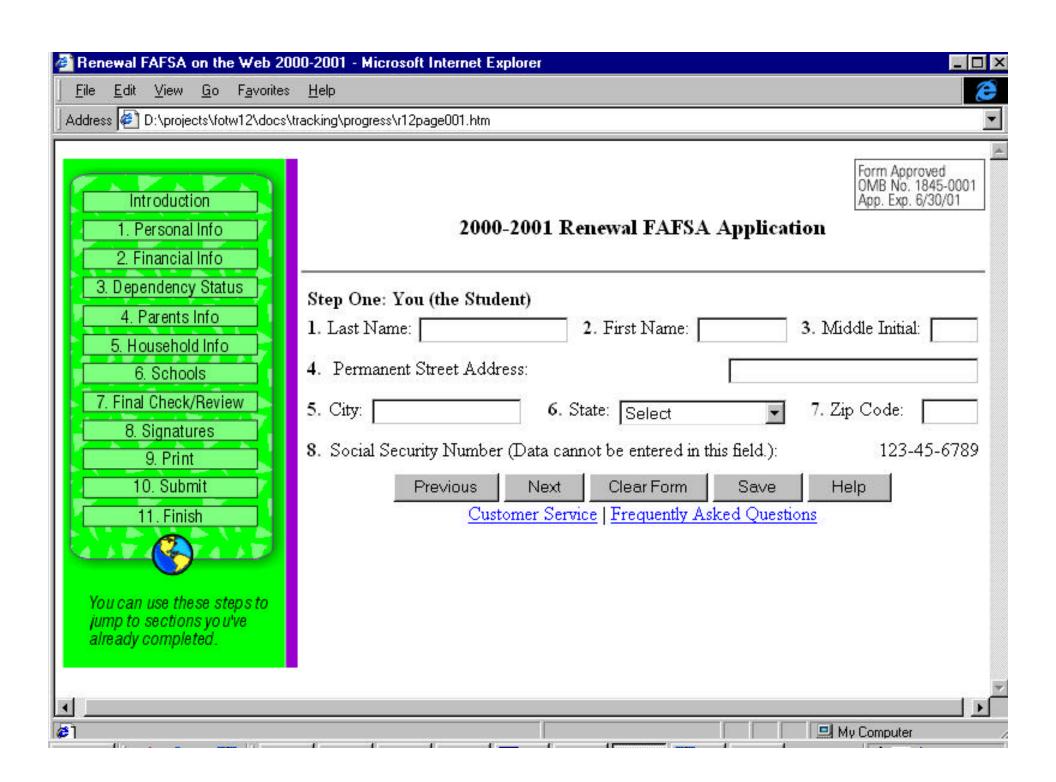
- ★Redesigned Home Page
 - Tabular organization
- ★FOTW re-engineered using Java Servlets
 - Serves up one page at a time
 - Reduces scrolling
 - Easier navigation
 - Reduces browser problems



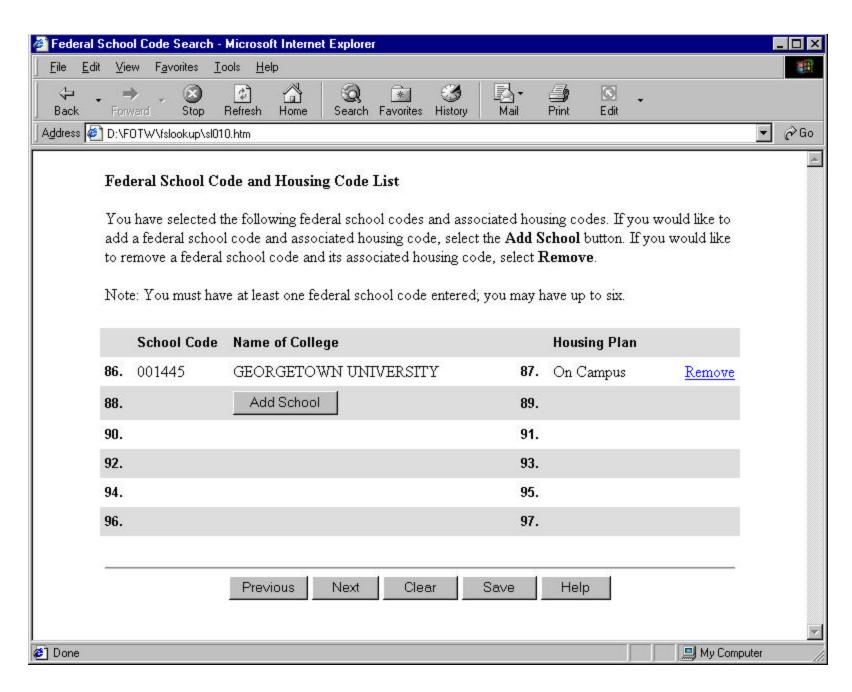


- ★Improved progress bar
 - Makes clearer to applicants which sections they:
 - have completed
 - still need to complete
 - Includes steps for signature and submittal processes
 - Allows for easy navigation back to sections already completed





- ★New and improved "save" process
 - With User ID and self-selected password, application saved to web site
 - Application saved for 45 days
- New school code search uses shopping cart approach



- ★Option to provide e-mail address
 - 50-character field
 - Will be included on ISIR
 - Can correct via web or by calling
 1-800-4FED AID
 - Displayed on SAR, but not correctable
- ★ED will use e-mail address for electronic postcard

- ★ Expanded on-line application status checking feature for students
 - Can view EFC and processing dates, as in current cycle
 - Will be able to view all applicant data in SARlike format by choosing specific transaction
 - After viewing, can correct data by clicking on link to Corrections on the Web
 - Can view comments associated with transaction

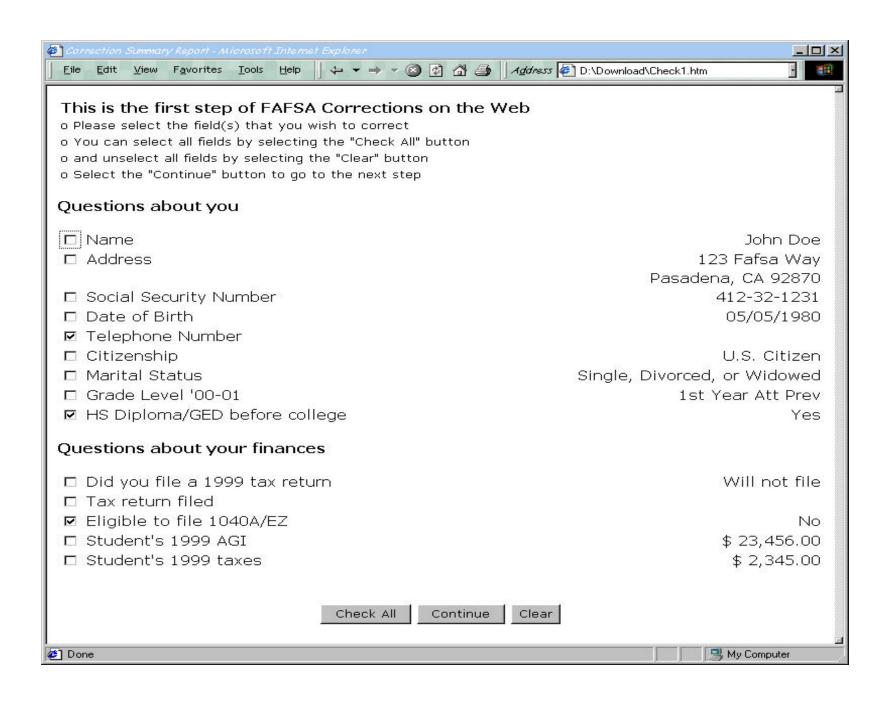
- ★Will add real-time help on-line
- ★Will allow applicants to
 - Ask questions online
 - Get help online
- ★Available from multiple points on the web, including within application

Renewal FAFSA on the Web

- ★Will be available on Jan. 2, 2001
- ★Contains enhancements made to FAFSA on the Web
- ★PIN required to access
- ★PIN serves as student's signature

Corrections on the Web

- ★ Implemented on April 28, 2000, for 2000-2001 processing year and beyond
- ★ PIN required to access web corrections
- ★ Student can change all data elements on SAR, except SSN and date of birth
- ★PIN serves as student's electronic signature
- ★ Parents of dependent students must sign only when parent data is corrected
- ★ New "shopping cart" approach to making corrections on the web



PINS

- ★Key to electronic commerce and modernizing our systems
- ★PIN serves as electronic signature
- ★PIN used to gain access to ED systems, including
 - Renewal FAFSA on the Web
 - Corrections on the Web
 - NSLDS
 - Direct Loan Servicing

PINS

- ★PINs mailed to all 2001-2002 applicants who signed FAFSA and successfully matched with SSA
- ★Beginning in November 2000, PIN mailer will include a tear-out card
- ★From PIN web site users can create their own PIN

FAFSA Express

- ★Available to download from the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov on Jan. 2, 2001
- ★Web signature options available to FAFSA Express users
- ★2001-2002 will be last year for FAFSA Express

2001-2002 FAFSA

- ★Green and Purple; pending testing:
 - Green = PANTONE CVU 331
 - Purple = PANTONE CVU 263
- ★OMB Clearance -- May 26, 2000
- ★Building on success of 99-00 Redesign
 - Used as example at www.plainlanguage.gov
 - Rejection rate for original paper FAFSAs through first 6 months of processing
 - 1998-1999: 16%
 - 1999-2000: 8.1%
 - 2000-2001: 7.6%

2001-2002 FAFSA

- ★Paper FAFSA -- 'Year of Refinement'
- ★Feedback from students, parents, schools, and states
- ★Testing and conference 2000
 - 7 rounds
 - 1/2 Dependents with Parents
 - 1/2 Ind. (some with Spouses) Grad and Undergrad
 - Diverse mix of applicants

2001-2002 FAFSA New Page 1 Layout

- ★Friendlier, cleaner, easier to read
- ★Retains linear flow of 99-00 redesign
- **★**Added numbering:
 - 1 = 'Before'
 - 2 = 'During'
 - 3 = 'After'
 - 4 = 'Begin'
- ★ Added note that school must have information by last day of enrollment

2001-2002 FAFSA New Page 1 Layout, Cont.

- ★ "Unusual Circumstances" higher up
 - Public comments
 - Customer Service Task Force findings
- ★ State deadlines in own column
- ★ Toll number added for FSAIC for out-ofcountry students
- ★ June 30, 2002 is Sunday -- Final processing day Monday, July 1, 2002.
- ★ Notice of on-line status checking



2001-2002 FAFSA Notes on Page 2

★Grade level (#30)



- Values changed to better correspond to grade level
- Graduate/professional split into first-time and continuing
- **★**Foreign and Trust Territory returns
 - Notes consolidated



2001-2002 FAFSA Notes on Page 2, Cont.

- ★ Investment notes
 - added "stock options"
 - 2 paragraphs; Increased prominence of "Do not include..."
- ★ Veteran notes
 - Reversed order of paragraphs
 - Revised to include those previously in National Guard or Reserves and activated for duty
 - Added "active duty"

2001-2002 FAFSA -- Page 3

- ★ Form layout revised
 - friendlier, cleaner
 - individual questions more prominent
- ★ First name changed from 9 to 12 char.
 - "Christoph"
 - NSLDS
- ★ Address changed from 28 to 35 char.
 - Spanish addresses
 - NSLDS



Data Element Change

2001-2002 FAFSA -- Page 3, cont.

- ★ "Do you have a driver's license" deleted (#11 on 00-01)
 - created space
 - separated SSN and Phone Number
- ★ Enrollment status (#17-21)
 - Removed horizontal rule
 - "Not Sure" incorporated into "Full time"
 - "Semester/Quarter" deleted



Element

Change

2001-2002 FAFSA -- Page 3, cont.

- **★**The Drug Question
 - Not final



- May move from #28 to #35
- Technical Amendments
 - H.R. 4504 -- passed House June 12, 2000
 - Only those in school and receiving aid
 - Deny aid if left blank
- Renewal FAFSA data
- Testing

2001-2002 FAFSA -- Pages 4-5

- ★ Step Two instructions revised
 - less emphasis on "married"
- ★ Tax return filing (#36 and 70)
 - "Have filed" now "Have completed"
 - "Will file" now "Will file, but have not completed"
- ★ Which tax return (#37 and 71)
 - Layout of answers changed to highlight 38/72
- ★ Eligible to file
 - "Don't Know" separate value



2001-2002 FAFSA Pages 4-5, cont.

- ★ Layout
 - Horizontal rules removed
 - Worksheets graphically grouped
- ★ Earned Income Credit (EIC) moved to worksheets
- Data Element Change

- * Worksheets
 - Untaxed income now Worksheets A + B
 - Income exclusions now Worksheet C





2001-2002 FAFSA Pages 4-5, cont.

- ★ Wording of asset questions
 - Revised to encourage applicants to use notes on page 2
- ★ Business and Investment Farm combined (#48 and 82)



- For 99-00, .1% of students and .5% of parents
- ★ Cash/savings moved after assets
 - Testing indicated better results

2001-2002 FAFSA -- Step Three

- ★ Are you a graduate or professional student?
 - 99-00: no more "graduate" or "professional"
 - In consultation with schools, multiple iterations in testing led to:

Will you be working on a masters, doctorate, or professional degree program (such as an MD, JD, MA, PhD, etc.) during the school year 2001-2002?

- 2 loopholes:
 - "Professional" undergrads (pharmacy, architecture, radio technology, etc.)
 - Graduate certificate programs (vs. grad. degree programs)
- ★ Split dependents other than spouse

2001-2002 FAFSA -- Step Four

- **★**Step Four instructions revised
 - "See page 7" incorporated into #59
- **★**Parents' SSNs
 - Cleaner layout
 - Instructions for parents w/ no SSN
- ★Parent household (64) and number in college (65) revised
 - Encourages use of notes



2001-2002 FAFSA -- Page 6

- ★Student household (84) and number in college (85) revised
- **★**Layout of Step Six
 - Cleaner, more usable space
 - Housing plans
 - return to ovals
 - more prominent
- ★Preparer's info separated graphically



2001-2002 FAFSA -- Page 7

- ★Notes for who is considered a parent
 - Clarified
 - Added "even if you do not live with them."
- **★**Notes for number in college
 - "Always count yourself"

2001-2002 FAFSA -- Worksheets

- ★ Untaxed income split into A and B
 - A = 'needy'
 - B = 'non-needy'
 - Added usability benefit
 - Some commenters suggested 'tax' vs. 'no-tax'
 - Didn't address 'needy' issue
 - Difficulty regarding taxed vs. untaxed Social Security benefits
- ★ W-2 Box 14 -- nonelective contributions
- * "Any other untaxed income"
 - Easier to read; emphasizes "Do not include" items

2001-2002 FAFSA -- Worksheets

★Worksheet C

- AmeriCorps clarified (folded into "aid in AGI" item)
- Student grant and scholarship in AGI item clarified



The future...

- *****2001-2002:
 - Tax line items and state deadlines updated this summer
 - August:
 - Testing with students and parents
 - Posted to IFAP for SFA community review
 - Independent Review

2001-2002 Renewal FAFSA

- ★Questions reworded and reordered to correspond to FAFSA changes
- ★All schools listed on student's 2000-2001 applicant record will receive ISIR unless student indicates otherwise

Renewal FAFSA

- ★ CPS will pre-populate data from 2000-2001 Application
 - Number in College for dependent students
 - Dates of Legal Residence
 - Parent SSNs and Last Name
 - Business and farm net worth
 - "No" answer to "Legal Dependents" question
- ★ Renewal FAFSA and Instructions will be on IFAP by October

Renewal Application Process

- ★Two Renewal Application Process Action Letters
 - Action Letter #1 posted to IFAP in July 2000 and provides general information about changes
 - Second Action Letter on IFAP in August 2000 will provide detailed description of changes and instructions for making requests

Renewal Application Process

Same options as in previous years:

- ★CPS will automatically send PINs instead of paper Renewal FAFSAs to:
 - All 2000-2001 web filers (FOTW/RFOTW)
 - Applicants who used 2000-2001 COTW
 - Applicants who indicated on 2000-2001 FAFSA that they were graduate or 5th year undergraduate students
- ★Schools can request all or selected students to receive PINs instead of paper Renewal FAFSAs

Renewal Application Process

- ★After 10/27, schools can request RAD file to determine if student received PIN or paper Renewal FAFSA
 - PIN indicator set: Student received PIN
 - PIN indicator blank: Student received paper Renewal FAFSA

Renewal Application Process New for 2001-2002

- ★On continuous basis, students can reapply for aid using Renewal FAFSA on the Web
- ★FAAs can use web to request duplicate Renewal Applications to be printed and mailed to school for distribution

Renewal Application Process Important Dates

- ★2001-2002 schedule similar to last year
- ★See Action Letter #1 on IFAP for complete schedule
- ★CPS printing and mailing of paper Renewal FAFSAs and PINs will be completed by Dec. 29

2001-2002 SAR and ISIR

- **★SAR** will be green
- ★SAR and ISIR record layout follow order of questions on FAFSA
- ★Draft ISIR record layout available on IFAP (http://ifap.ed.gov)

Student Aid Report New for 2001-2002

- ★SAR redesigned to be more student focused and friendly
 - First page explains where applicant is in the process and who players are
 - Comments simplified and reorganized
 - Eliminated comments designed for school use only
 - No separate Instructions and Codes page
- ★Extensive usability testing with students and parents

Student Aid Report NSLDS History Page

- **★SAR Redesign, cont'd**
 - NSLDS History Page condensed
 - Aggregate Loan Information
 - Information about all defaulted loans
 - Abbreviations spelled out for clarity
 - NSLDS web site address added

Student Aid Report New for 2001-2002

- ★Students who apply on web or make corrections on web will receive SAR Acknowledgement
- ★FAFSA Express filers will continue to receive SAR

ISIR Changes

- ★You asked for it, you got it!
 - New flag indicates whether correction was made by student or school
 - New EFC Change Flag indicates if EFC has changed from previous transaction
 - New file sent daily that lists applicants in Signature Hold File (separate message class)

ISIR Changes

- ★Correction flags modified to identify corrections both by transaction and cumulatively
 - 0 = Field has not been corrected
 - 1 = Field corrected on this transaction
 - 2 = Field corrected on previous transaction

ISIR Changes Changes to NSLDS History Information

- ★ New fields added to ISIR
 - Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) flag

A = Active

l = Inactive

C = Closed

N = No MPN on file

- FFEL MPN Flag (A, I, C, N)
- FFEL Lender Code
 - 6-digit code or N/A if does not apply
 - Y, if more than one lender

ISIR Changes to NSLDS History Information

- ★New fields added to ISIR at loan level
 - Additional Unsubsidized Loan Flag
 - Capitalized interest flag
- ★"Outstanding Principal Balance" renamed "Aggregate Balance"

Changes to Edits

- ★ Edit added to "number in college" for dependent students
 - Currently, number in college set to "1" if equal to number of family members
 - If parents are married, # in college cannot be greater than # of family members minus two
 - If parent is single, # in college cannot be greater than # of family members minus one
 - If PJ used, edits not applied

Changes to Edits

- ★ If student corrects marital status or "Are You Married" question, comment generated
- ★ If Date of Birth (DOB) equals 1900, 1901, or 1902, SAR is rejected (verifiable reject A)
- ★ If taxes paid equal to AGI, SAR is rejected (verifiable reject C)
- ★ Paper FAFSAs without student signature will be processed; student sent rejected SAR (reject 14)

Database Matches

- ★Match with SSA's Prisoner's File will be implemented in 2001-2002 as postscreening
- ★Will implement automatic INS secondary confirmation match as pilot

2001-2002 EDExpress Changes

- ★New EDExpress software enables schools to request and print Renewal FAFSAs
- **★**Application Module
 - Added new option to print dialog for List-Processed ISIRs report that will allow users to limit list to include Highest or Active transactions only



- ★Application Module, cont'd
 - Assumption and override capability added to "quick correct" process
 - Import Edit Report used to identify active transaction will display both the Active Transaction EFC as well as the subsequent EFC and Default flag of the incoming ISIR



- ★Application Module, cont'd
 - New CORRXXOP message class for correction files
 - Combined ISIR import types: Automatic, Electronic Apps, Renewal Apps, Corrections/Duplicates, System Generated, State Agency, and YTD Data into one Import Type option on Import Dialog
 - Value not calculated for difference in Tax
 Form Used on Verification Worksheet tab



- ★Application Module, cont'd
 - ISIR transaction Add Date added as a new field to Apps Query database
 - Student's e-mail address provided/correctable on demo tab
 - Will include all new data elements added to the 2001-2002 FAFSA



★Global

- Ability to print out all available fields under query by module
- Add Date Range option added to Process
 Add Documents
- Ability to bring forward global security groups/ID's, document tracking setup, queries and demographic data



- ★Global, cont'd
 - Fly-over help text in grids
 - New hypertext that links Help screens to web
- ★Packaging Module
 - Allow for exclusion of Americorps/ Chapter 30 Veteran's Benefits as resource when calculating eligibility for Subsidized Stafford Loan



- **★**Packaging Module
 - New "non need-based grants" aid type added to Fund Maintenance
 - Will display reasons why record not ready to package at tab level
 - New table added under "Browse" with Student Award by Term data
 - Remaining need ranges available for Stafford/Plus loan aid types



- ★Packaging Module, cont'd
 - Ability to bring forward majority of packaging setups and queries
 - New "Aggregate Loan" button under Import Add will display NSLDS loan information



- **★**Direct Loan Module
 - Ability to bring forward queries
 - E-mail address will be collected for servicing purposes through the origination and change processes
 - Allow schools to report adjustments using the Net Adjustment Amount rather than just Net/Gross Amount



- ★Direct Loan Module, cont'd
 - Add a flag from NSLDS that comes in on ISIRs that an MPN exists
 - Disbursement #1 not required to be first disbursement; schools have flexibility to establish any disbursement as the first disbursement
 - A record source added to the loan tab



- ★Direct Loan Module, cont'd
 - Removed loan amount requested for Stafford Loans
 - Hide fields within entry that do not apply based on loan type



★Pell Module

- Ability to update Disbursement records at an 'R' or 'E' disbursement status via External Import change process
- Ability to bring forward Pell Institution setups and queries
- Ability to batch calculate Pell awards on origination record at a "Not Ready" status



- ★Pell Module, cont'd
 - Ability to do multiple entry on Hours/Weeks fields
 - Warning message added after creating 85th disbursement record for External Import Add
 - Ability to do multiple entry on disbursement records when origination record is at a batched status



Future Changes

- ★ New EDExpress software will enable schools to request and print Renewal FAFSAs
- ★ FAAs will have web access to CPS data
- ★ 2002-2003 FAFSA will use OPE ID number instead of Federal School Code
- ★ In 2002-2003, intend to require all FAA Adjustments to be done electronically

2000 Electronic Access Conferences

★Nov. 13 - 15 Dallas, Texas

★Nov. 28 - 30 Atlanta, Georgia

★Dec. 11 - 13 Phoenix, Arizona

http://edeworkshop.walcoff.com

July 2000: Watch IFAP for Action Letter announcing conferences

For Help

★ IFAP

http://www.ifap.ed.gov

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